



No one is more professional than I. I am a Noncommissioned Officer, a leader of soldiers. As a Noncommissioned Officer, I realize that I am a member of a time-honored corps, which is known as “The Backbone of the Army”.

I am proud of the corps of Noncommissioned Officers and at all times will conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the Corps, the Military Service, and my Country. Regardless of the situation which I find myself, I will not use my grade or position to attain pleasure, profit, or personal safety.

Competence is my watch word. My two basic responsibilities will always be in the upper most of my mind--accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my soldiers. I will strive to remain tactically and technically proficient. I am aware of my role as a Noncommissioned Officer. I will fulfill my responsibilities inherent in that role. All soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my soldiers and will always place their needs above my own. I will communicate consistently with my soldiers and never leave them uninformed. I will be fair and impartial when recommending both rewards and punishment.

Officers of my command will have maximum time to accomplish their missions; they will not have to accomplish mine. I will earn their respect as well as that of my soldiers. I will be loyal to those whom I serve; seniors, peers, and subordinates alike. I will exercise initiative by taking appropriate actions in the absence of orders. I will not compromise my integrity, nor my moral courage. I will not forget, nor will I let my comrades forget that we are professionals, Noncommissioned Officers, leaders!